Supply of fire control system for Bofors Guns by Marconi group of companies

1619. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marconi group of companies supplied the fire control system for the Bofors 155 m.m. howitzer gun purchased by Government:

(b) whether the Eureka Sales Company are agents for the Marconi group; and

(c) whether the U.K. Government have launched prosecutions against the Marconi group for the alleged fraud?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) M|s Bofors have supplied three Fire Control Equipment, manufactured by M|s Marconi, U.K. for the 155 m.m. FH 77B Field Howitzers.

(b) According to the information available with the Ministry of Defence, M|s Eureka Sales Company had been engaged by M|s Marconi Secure Radio Systems Ltd., U.K., (which is not the supplier of Fire Control Equipments for 155 mm FH 77B Gun) on retainer basis.

(c) The Ministry of Defence has no information on the matter.

Selection of a professor in social systems Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru University

1620. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selection of a Professor in the Social Systems Centre|Department of the Jawaharlal Nehru University has been held up despite a unanimous recommendation of the selection committee; and

(b) if so, the action being taken to expedite the selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) According to the provisions of the Statutes of Jawaharlal Nehru University, appointment of teachers in the University are made by the Executive Council on the recommendations of statutory Selection Committees. Statute 27(4) provides that if the Executive Council is unable to accept any recommendation made by the Selection Committee, it may remit the same to the Selection Committee for reconsideration, and if the difference is not resolved; the Executive Council shall record its reasons and submit the case to the Visitor for orders

According to the information furnished by the University, the recommendations made by the Selection Committee for the post of Professor in Sociology in the Centre for the Study of Socoal Systems, School of Social Sciences, in its meeting held on 27.12.89 were considered by the Executive Council on 12.1.90. The Executive Council resolved to request the Selection Committee to reconsider its recommendations. The reconvened Selecetion Committe held on 25.4.90 reiterated its earlier re-commendations. The Executive Council considered the matter again on 31.5.90 and did not agree with the recommendations made by the reconvened Selection Committe. It. therefore. resolved to refer the matter to the Visitor for orders in terms of Statute 27(4) of the statutes of the university. The matter is under consideration.

Detection of Dhows equipped with modern communications systems near Indian coast line

1621 SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhows equipped with modern evesdropping equipment, updated radars and sophisticated satellite communication system were